

# **Dover OKs new science textbooks**

New science textbooks to replace those that have been in use for six years were approved by the Dover Board of Education Monday night following a report on a study that has been conducted throughout the current term by a committee of parents, teachers and administrators.

The texts and related materials, to cost \$27,266, will be ordered so that they can be used at the outset of the 1984-85 term.

The "Silver Burdett Science" 1984 was adopted for the kindergarten through the 6th grade, "Principles of Science" 1983, "Focus on Earth" 1984 and Scott Foresman "Physical Science" 1983 for the 7th and 8th grades and "Modern Physics" 1984 for the high school. General science and biology classes will use the same materials they now have.

A report was also submitted to the board on a study that has been under way since last June by a committee of parents and teachers to revise and improve report cards.

Among the changes will be letter grades for spelling, English and math beginning at the 3rd grade. At the 4th grade, letter grades will be given for those three subjects as well as reading. The middle school and high school will continue with their present reporting system.

Superintendent Ed Hamsher advised board members that the possibility of placing a .4-mill permanent improvement levy on the November ballot will be discussed at the Aug. 13 meeting. The district's bonded indebted millage of .4-mill will expire Dec. 31 at which time the \$25 million in buildings and property will be paid for and the millage reduced for school district taxpayers.

Hamsher said it's possible additional funds may be forthcoming from the state and that an evaluation will be made at the August session.